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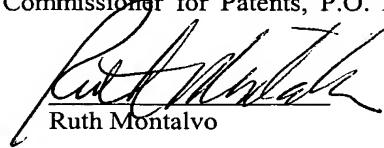
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For: ARRANGEMENT FOR THE OPTICAL CAPTURE OF EXCITED AND/OR BACKSCATTERED LIGHT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2003.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$950.00 which covers the fee for the three-month extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

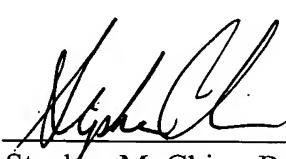
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